

The Los Angeles County Faith Based Collaboration Council
and the California Council of Churches
invite you to learn about
Programs, Partnerships and Funding Opportunities
With First 5 LA

Wednesday, November 12, 2003

1:30-3:30 pm

at

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
3300 Wilshire Blvd. at Berendo
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Limited free parking available in the church lot on Berendo south of Wilshire

First 5 LA seeks to support and strengthen families with young children. Its mission is to optimize the development and well-being of all children - from before birth until age 5 - by increasing resources, ensuring access to services and improving the abilities of families, communities and service providers to give kids the best possible start in life.

In LA County, First 5 LA is...

- * Helping parents and caregivers provide a healthy start to life for children through a wide range of programs, including home visitation, parent education, family literacy and provider training.
- * Working to increase the availability of quality preschool and early care for young children.
- * Launching an effort to expand health insurance coverage for all children, 0-5, who are not eligible for existing plans.
- * Collaborating with schools, community organizations and families to better prepare young children for school.
- * Meeting the needs of specific communities by funding programs and projects initiated and designed by members of those communities.
- * Working to prevent child abuse and neglect by improving the systems that serve at-risk children.
- * Leading local research efforts to develop a better understanding of how to improve the lives of children 0-5 and their families.
- * Providing expectant parents and parents/caregivers of children up to age five with a free, confidential telephone help-line and website service, which will provide information and referral, as well as parent support and assistance.

At this meeting we will:

- learn about the Community Developed Initiatives of First 5 LA
- receive information about programs of First 5 LA in Healthy Births, Healthy Kids and First 5 LA Connect
- hear about plans for a faith-based child care providers network in Los Angeles County
- have a time of networking and sharing with representatives of First 5LA, faith-based organizations, faith-based child care providers, community-based organizations, and County health and human service departments
- receive resources and information for serving children ages 0-5

For more information, contact Rev. Kathy Cooper-Ledesma, co-chair,
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